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Hamvention bound

For the first time, I'll be driving up for Hamvention in May. I'm attending as a member of the press and my current thinking is to attempt a number of short-form audio interviews with interesting orgs, Hams, vendors, etc., which will be posted both here in the newsletter and on the [daily site](#). I'm also having stickers made up, so hunt me down if you'd like one. Hope to see you there!

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Top links

2024 ARRL Field Day Theme: Be Radio Active

The theme encourages Radio Amateurs to take advantage of the peak of Solar Cycle 25.
[ARRL](#)

Installing VARA on Debian 12 Linux

I thought it best to document it here, and maybe help another poor lost soul.
[The Modern Ham](#)

QLog

A cross-platform logging app with rig control, cluster, WSJT-X support, and more.
[OK1MLG](#)

Girl Scouts gear up to talk to International Space Station

Here's how they'll do it.
[The Sacramento Bee](#)

My ATU is soooo good, it will give a perfect match on anything

Even without an antenna connected.
[owenduffy.net](#)

CATS APRS alternative featured on Hackaday

CATS uses raw FSK rather than the inefficient AFSK used by APRS.
[Hackaday](#)

Low band VHF tests in Western Australia

The frequencies were 30.8761 MHz , 36.6073 MHz, 39.1467 MHz and 40.6864 MHz.

EI7GL

How I do it: A complete POTA activation from start to finish

Watch me, in real time, as I deploy an end fed half wave antenna, set up my station on a picnic table, and do a QRP (5 watt) POTA activation on the 15 meter band.

KB8VBR

Handmade QSLs from the 1930s

Hams would purchase post cards from the post office (only a penny each, including postage!) and create their own designs.

KB6NU

Source of major RFI identified

You may note that it is at least 5,9+10dB.

Johnsons Techworld

APRS RX comparison

Anytone 878 vs Yaesu FT-5DR.

W0RMT

Video

Portable DIY adjustable 2m J-Pole

Peel and stick some metal tape on a strap, cut out a J-Pole pattern.

VA5MUD

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